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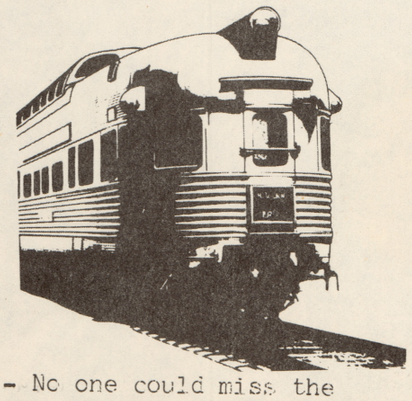
DEPOT TOWN ASSOCIATION INC.
August Meeting:
Thursday, August 16, 7:30pm
in the Farmers' Market area
- Election of officers
- Festival Beer tent plans
- Prioritizing next projects
- and much more

A LAST-CHANCE HOLIDAY
BEFORE FESTIVAL TIME:

Amtrak: Depot Town to Chicago
Saturday and Sunday
August 18-19,1979
$85, $65 under twelve years
Includes 4-hour train trip
Ramada Inn overnight
Dinner and Breakfast
Tickets: River Art Works
Weber Drugs

Observations



- No one could miss the spectacular transformation of the FARMERS'MARKET area which will open - on schedule. Saturday, August 4th, 7am-3pm.

- The "open space" at 30 E. Cross is paved, posted and planted as a PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY to the Market. Restoration of side walls is in progress.

- CABINETMAKER, Mark Russell, is readying 48 E. Cross for his works.

-Live entertainment at the SIDETRACK, 58 E. Cross.

- Back room renovation at the ALIBI 39 E. Cross.

- The weavings of Rise St. Arno are on exhibit at RIVER ART WROKS, 50 E. Cross.

- Lady barber, Kathy Sorenson-has her own shop: SHEAR GENIUS, at 20 E. Cross

- The Karate studio has moved. Space for rent at 29 E. Cross. See G. or C. McKeever.

- Stained glass window installation at OLD TOWN RESTAURANT, 36 E. Cross.

- MCRR DEPOT negotiations continue for proposed restaurant plan.

- FREIGHT HOUSE is center of court debate for completion of indoor Farmers' Market (part 2).

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WHAT NEXT FOR DEPOT TOWN? IT'S IN THE PLAN.

In 1975 the Depot Town Association was formed to (1) preserve the unique character and history of the Depot Town area and (2) to ensure the economic growth and stability of the area.

In 1976 a "preservation plan for the improvement of Depot Town was completed by Preservation/Urban Design/ Incorporated (copies available at $5 from DTA).

In 1977 the City Planning Commission adopted that plan as a 5-year guide for public space development and a 10-year guide for private space development. The City Council did "enthusiastically concur with and lend its support to the concept and final goals outlined in the plan."

In 1978 Cross Street was re-paved, new sidewalks, curbs and planters were constructed through a Community Development Block Grant.

In 1978 the Ypsilanti Historic District was formed with Depot Town as its nucleus. Now public policy, the concept of historic preservation spread throughout much of the City.

Now, in August of 1979, the first portion of the Farmers' Market is ready to open. The August 24,25,26 Historic Festival will give the rest of the State its first opportunity to celebrate the beginnings of an ambiticus local project of pride and preservation.

Private improvements continue throughout the district.

Many public projects still await our energies and iniative:
- The Depot continues to crumble.
- Parking is woefully inadequate.
- West and South entries are obscure and seedy.
- Vehicular and pedestrian circulation need improvement.

Such plans will be continued through your active participation in your Depot Town Association. Regular Membership is only $20 a year. Associate (non-voting) Membership is $3. The Association meets on the third Thursday of each month. The August meeting will be at 7:30pm on the 16th, in the Farmers' Market area. DTA represents property owners, managers, residents, friends and other individuals interested in the development of the district. Won't you join us? All interested parties are encouraged to participate actively in the mary projects of the DTA.

Ypsilanti's Farmers' Market

in historic Depot Town

OPENS AUGUST 4, 1979

FESTIVAL WILL PROMOTE YPSIALNTI'S ABUNDANT CULTURE AND HISTORY

(Ypsilanti Arts Council,
News & Views, August 1979)

"As everyone knows, there is always a lot of talk about that event over in Ann Arbor every July, but to quote a famous man, "You ain't seen nothin' yet!".

The Ypsilanti Yesteryear Heritage Festival will promote Ypsilanti's abundant culture and history this year with three days of events. Sponsored by the Visitors and Convention Bureau of the Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce, the clelbration will offer exciting activities focusing on Ypsialnti's unique historical district and Depot Town. "Something for everyone" is the bill of fare during this evert and many activities are free. A special treat is scheduled for Sunday when the famous Ypsilanti Water Tower offers an open house at 1:00pm and tickets are already on sale for the tour of 22 homes, churches and public buildings. Although the Festival theme is one of history, the majority of activities are designed to entertain forks of all ages".

HISTORIC FESTIVAL WINDOW DISPLAYS IN DEPOT TOWN:

- Randy Raymond plans a display of antique uniforms and other clothing.
- Jack Miller often shows old photos of his building with a short chronology of previous owners.
- Several glass and window makers in the area could loan their works - to continue the Festival window-theme.
- J.C.T. ANTIQUES and DEPOT EXCHANGE, no doubt, will coninue their usual exhibits of antiquity.
- Railroad memorabilia is always big here. What about model trains?
-Check with Foster Fletcher (early) at the Historic Museum for local information. Make copies at STANDARD PRINTING. Stick 'em up.

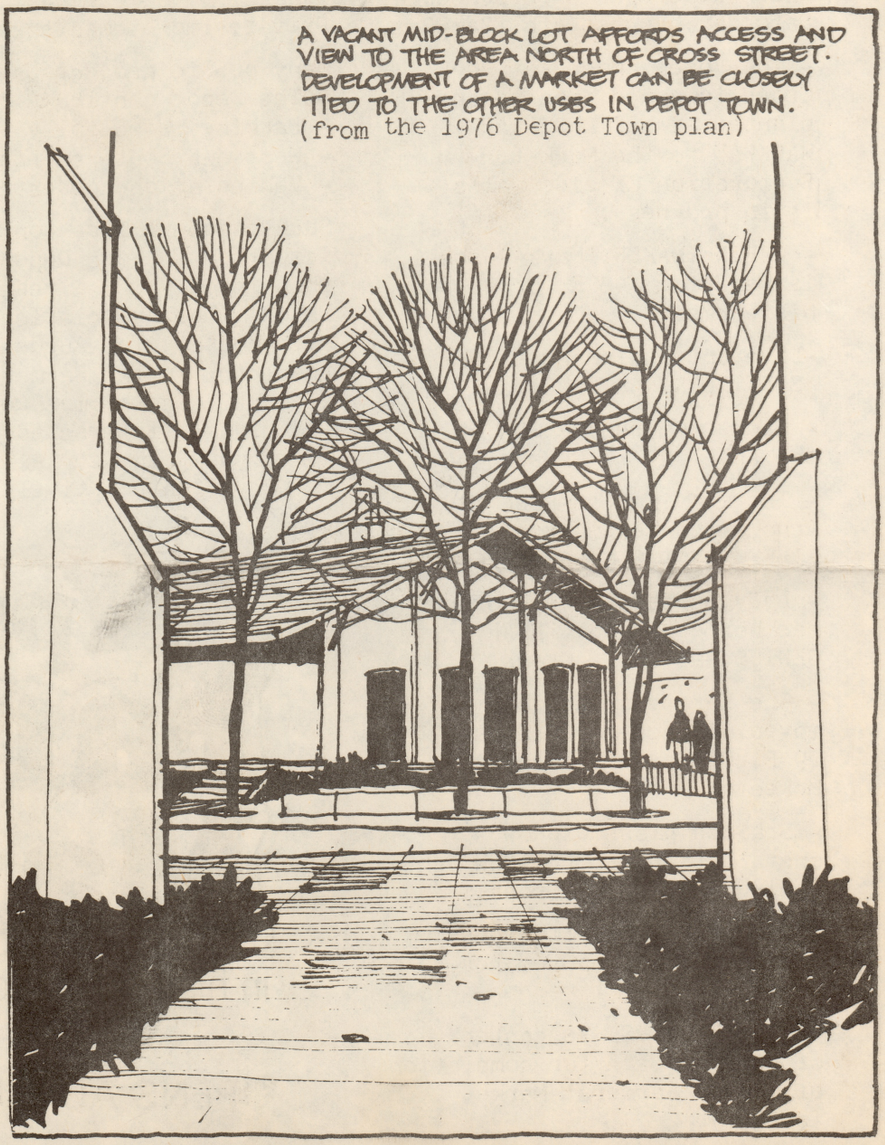
FESTIVAL EVENTS IN DEPOT TOWN:
- Arts, crafts, antiques on display
- Classic Cars angle-parked
- Historic window exhibits
- Community Service Organizations' booths
- Community stage: music, dance, drama
- exhibits at MCRR Depot
- Farmers' Market Day

.....ON FROG ISLAND:
- The Flying Wallendas
- Games and contests for kids
- Community dance groups

.....IN RIVERSIDE PARK:
- Pancake breakfast
- Chicken Bar-be-Que

.....ON WEST CROSS ST:
- more exhibits and events

.....IN THE WASHINGTON MALL:
- still more!


A VACANT MID-BLOCK LOT AFFORDS ACCESS AND VIEW TO THE AREA NORTH OF CROSS STREET. DEVELOPMENT OF A MARKET CAN BE CLOSELY TIED TO THE OTHER USES IN DEPOT TOWN.
(from the 1976 Depot Town plan)

depot town association, inc.